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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL YARN BOMBING DAY

Kensington-Normal Heights Branch Library Yarn Bombed in Honor of Event

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library held its first ever yarn bombing, festooning the grounds of the Kensington branch with miles of yarn knitted and crocheted into stripes, spots and, by one particularly talented needle-worker, a rendering of the library’s recently unveiled new logo. The event, entitled “Get Cozy with a Good Book @ Your Library,” was organized by library staff, but members of the community from throughout the City – and a few from other cities – participated, sending in knitted and crocheted items to be sewn to signposts, stair railings and trees in honor of International Yarn Bombing Day on June 12. A dozen people showed up to help with the installation, and managed to complete the mammoth job in just under three hours. The work is already receiving positive reviews. “People were so excited when they saw us installing it. They started photographing us and posting the pictures on Facebook, and one man even posted a video of us on YouTube. Every reaction has been really positive. They just seem to love it,” said Kensington-Normal Heights Branch Manager Lynne Russo. Photos of the yarn bombing can be seen at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/ponine/sets/72157634076549315/>.

The Kensington-Normal Heights Branch Library is located within the Kensington Neighborhood Park. The Parks and Recreation Department enthusiastically embraced the San Diego Public Library’s idea of bringing community-created art into the neighborhood. “We asked for permission ahead of time, and made sure that we did not yarn bomb any signs which affected public safety, or railings which people might actually need to hold onto,” said Rancho Bernardo Branch Manager Karen Reilly, one of the organizers. “We saw this as a great opportunity to bring members of the community and library staff together to create a work of art

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that the whole community could enjoy. People really jumped at the chance to get involved.” The San Diego Public Library’s next yarn bombing will take place on January 9, 2014 at the San Carlos Branch Library, in honor of their 40th anniversary.

The Kensington-Normal Heights Branch Library is located at 4121 Adams Avenue, San Diego, CA 92116. The Library's hours of operation are Monday 9:30 to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday 12:30 to 8:00 p.m., Thursday and Friday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and closed on Sunday, but the yarn bombing can be enjoyed at any time, because it is on the grounds.

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